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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Sir:

Responsive to the "final" Official Action dated February 16, 2001, petition being hereby made for an extension of time of two (2) months, up to and including, July 16, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please further amend the remaining pending claims herein as follows:¹

21. (Amended) A method of treating chemical cellulose pulp from an alkaline pulping process with chlorine dioxide in a first chlorine dioxide stage of an elemental chlorine free bleaching sequence, comprising:

¹ Pursuant to Rule 121(c), a marked-up version of the amended claims appears in Appendix I hereto and shows all changes by underlining added language and bracketing deleted language.

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